

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**December 21, 2000**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>TARIFF TO OFFER CONTRACT SERVICE</b>	)	<b>00-00841</b>
<b>ARRANGEMENT (TN00-1569-01)</b>	)	

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**ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF BELLSOUTH  
CONTRACT SERVICE ARRANGEMENT (TN00-1569-01)**

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This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference on October 24, 2000 on the tariff filing of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") for approval to offer Contract Service Arrangement No. TN00-1569-01 ("CSA"). BellSouth filed Tariff No. 00-00841 on September 25, 2000, with a proposed effective date of October 25, 2000.

Based upon careful consideration of the tariff filing and the attachments thereto, the Authority made the following findings and conclusions:

1. The purpose of this CSA is to provide Primary Rate Integrated Services Digital Network ("ISDN") service to the customer identified in the filing. Primary Rate ISDN service supports the simultaneous transmission of voice, data, and packet services on the same exchange access line.
2. The term of this CSA is thirty-six (36) months.

3. Through this CSA, BellSouth is offering the customer a fifty-two percent (52%) discount on recurring charges and a waiver of non-recurring charges.

4. In a September 25, 2000 cover letter included with the CSA filing, BellSouth agreed to notify the customer<sup>1</sup> that upon early termination of the CSA without cause, the lesser of the following termination liability charges would apply:

a. The amounts specified in the CSA the customer signed;<sup>2</sup>

b. The total of the repayment of discounts received during the previous twelve (12) months of service, the repayment of the prorated amount of any waived or discounted non-recurring charges, and the repayment of the prorated amount of any documented contract preparation, implementation and tracking, or similar charges; or

c. Six percent (6%) of the total CSA amount.

5. BellSouth provided an addendum executed by the customer stating that the customer was aware of competitive alternatives available to it in Tennessee and that the customer and BellSouth have agreed on the termination provisions and that the termination charges represent a reasonable estimate of BellSouth's damages in the event of termination.

6. BellSouth supplied cost data which indicates that the price of services offered under the CSA exceed their long-run incremental costs. This data indicates that BellSouth has complied with the statutory price floor established in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-208(c).

7. No parties sought to intervene in this docket.

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<sup>1</sup> BellSouth also agreed during the Authority Conference that it would send the notice to the customer upon approval of the CSA by the Authority. *See Transcript of Proceedings*, p. 15 (Authority Conference October 24, 2000).

<sup>2</sup> Under the terms of the CSA, the termination provisions require that the customer pay BellSouth an amount equal to the total of the remaining monthly recurring contract payments if the customer disconnects any of the services prior to the expiration of the CSA.

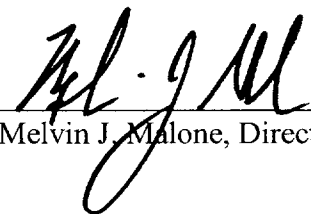
Based upon the foregoing, the Directors of the Authority unanimously determined that the CSA in this docket should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Tariff No. 00-00841, which seeks approval of Contract Service Arrangement No. TN00-1569-01, is hereby granted.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

  
Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:

  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary